

REMARKS:**Summary of Amendments to the Claims**

Applicants have amended claims 9 and 14 to more particularly define the present invention and canceled claims 10, 13 and 15. No new matter has been added. Claims 9, 11, 12, 14, 16-29 are in the application.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and being indefinite. Applicants have canceled claim 13. It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of the claim obviates the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9, 13, 14 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Acklin(EP 277,095).

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 22-29 and identifying claims 10-12, 15, 16 and 21 as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of allowable claims 10 and 15 into claims 9 and 14 respectively, and canceled claims 10 and 15 accordingly. It is believed that the amendments bring claims 9, 11, 12, 14 and 16-21 in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be amended in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment be carried out by Examiner's Amendment

and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, to Goodwin Procter LLP Deposit Account No. 06-0923.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,



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